(c) whether proper follow-up action is being taken after such visits; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to ensure adequate flow of funds for IAY and other programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is implementing Area Officers Scheme which primarily aims at monitoring the implementations of programmes of the Ministry in different States in the field including the State of Andhra Pradesh with special reference to quality, timeliness and proper achievement of physical and financial targets. Andhra Pradesh was visited thrice during April 98 to September 98 by the Area Officer concerned, to study the programmes of the Ministry including Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY). The Area Officer of Andhra Pradesh, during his visit, had noticed that the procedure adopted in the selection of IAY beneficiary in general is not in conformity with the IAY Guidelines. A Status Report has been called for from the State government.

The allocation of central resources for the programmes of this Ministry is on the basis of proportion of rural poor in a State/UT to the total rural poor in the country.

The allocation of funds from States to districts is made on the basis of index of backwardness of the districts. The Central assistance is released every year to the States/ UTs in two installments, as far as possible, subject to the fulfillment of certain conditions such as receipt of utilisation certificate for releases made earlier etc. The State Government is required to release its matching share to the District Rural Development Agencies/Zila Parishads (DRDAs/ZPs) within a week after the release of Central assistance. Funds to the village Panchayats are distributed by the DRDAs/ZPs in according with the conditions prescribed in the sanction order of the Government of India, so as to ensure adequate flow of funds for IAY and other programmes.

कांडला विमानपत्तन

*215. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय नौसेना और वायुसेना के विमानों को उडान की सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए गुजरात के कांडला असैनिक विमानपत्तन को सुसजित सैनिक विमानपत्तन बनाने का निर्णय लिया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में कभी औपचारिकता को पूरा कर लिया गया है,

(ग) क्या नागर विमानन मंत्रालय ने इस प्रयोजनार्थ अपनी सहमति और अनुमति दे दी है, और

(घ) उक्त विमानपत्तन को सैनिक विमानपत्तन किस तारीख से घोषित किया जाएगा ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री जॉज फर्नान्डी) : (क) जी , नहीं । (ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Conversion of Department of Official Language

*216. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the 3rd All India Official Languages Conference, inaugurated by the then Prime Minister in New Delhi on 1st March, 1978 had adopted a resolution that the Department of Official Language, Government of India, shall be converted into Department of Official Languages;

(b) if so, the reasons for not implementing the resolution, so far;

(c) whether Government contemplate to implement the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) A Conference of all States/UTs was organised in Delhi in March, 1978 to discuss the use of Indian Languages in Official work. The participant in the conference had exchanged their views regarding use of Indian Languages in Official work in Government Undertakings, Public services and in the field of Law. Among the recommendation made in this regard, it was also one of the recommendation, that exchange